

PLANNED CHANGE IN INVENTION RIGHTS FOR FOREIGN GRANTEES/CONTRACTORS DEFERRED

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On March 14, 2002, NIH published an announcement stating its intent to revise policy affecting invention rights for foreign grant and contract award recipients.

After consideration of comments received from the grantee community, we have decided to defer implementation of this policy for twelve months, in order to explore more fully the ramifications of the policy change, and to consider alternatives that meet the NIH's need to protect the U.S. public's interest while not unduly compromising productive research and intellectual property relationships.

This notification is an update to the March 15, 2002 NIH GUIDE notice entitled, "Planned Modification of Rights to Subject Inventions Made Through Funding Agreements to Foreign Entities (NOT-OD-02-039)," <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-02-039.html>.

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